

# Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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## Sam Ashelman Leaves Co-op After 17 Years of Service

Samuel F. Ashelman, Jr., guider of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. (Co-op) destinies since 1944, will leave his post as General Manager February 1, 1962. His successor has not yet been selected, according to the announcement made by Robert T. Bonham, president of the GCS board.

Ashelman will join the staff of Checchi and Co., a prominent Washington consulting and management firm, as Director of Distribution Services. At the same time GCS will enter into a management contract with Checchi for consultive services in order to make GCS a more effective, consumer-oriented organization.

This arrangement will make available to GCS a number of specialists and services on a full-time, fixed-fee basis which would be much less than if assistance were purchased on a "project-basis" from a number of individual experts.

As a member of the Checchi staff, Ashelman will be able to work directly with other consumer cooperatives to develop programs that will create efficiency and economy for all participating groups. These programs are expected to bring direct benefits to GCS.

The Checchi staff will begin prior to February 1 to get acquainted with GCS through consultations with all levels of organization.

The departure of Ashelman ends an era for GCS. Under his leadership, the consumer cooperative expanded from a modest beginning of one store in Greenbelt with 1400 member-stockholders and yearly sales of one million dollars to 11 supermarkets with a current sales volume of \$22 million and 22,000 members.

This growth, however, was accompanied by problems and last year, for the first time no patronage dividend was declared, although bonus coupons, worth about half the customary cash dividend, were distributed.

It is expected that the management turnover will result in a reexamination of the GCS economic position and perhaps a "pause" in its growth as it attempts to consolidate its strength.

## Local CD Officials Seek Experts' Help

The city council has directed the newly appointed Civil Defense Director, Albert "Buddy" Attick, and his deputy, Mrs. Dorothy Sucher, to organize a local Civil Defense unit in coordination with county, state and federal agencies. They have also been asked to seek a staff of expert consultants who would be appointed by the council.

Attick has broadcast a request for interested citizens who have specialized experience to write to the city, indicating their willingness to serve and outlining their qualifications. The specialized areas in which experience is desired are physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering, architecture, dietetics, medicine and public health, mass feeding, emergency housing (especially with Red Cross background), sanitation, construction and other related areas.

## AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

December 18, 1961

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Dec. 4, 1961
4. Petitions and Requests of Citizens
- 4a. Requests of Councilmen
5. Written Communications
6. Manager's Progress Report
7. Resolution-Second Reading Proclaim Safety Patrol Week
8. Discuss Parcel No. 6
9. Discuss Swimming Pool Rates
10. Miscellaneous

## Bowman as Scrooge In Christmas Carol

Bruce Bowman as Ebenezer Scrooge headlines the cast of "A Christmas Carol" to be given by the college-age group of Greenbelt Community Church this Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. The cast directed by Forest Joslin, includes Greenbelters of all ages, many of which are wearing authentic period costumes.

Bill Morin will appear as Scrooge's nephew Fred, Linda McGlothlin as Scrooge's sweetheart, Mrs. Donald Kern as Mrs. Cratchit, Stanley Edwards, Jr., as Bob Cratchit, Virginia Truban as Martha Cratchit, Steve Thornton as Tiny Tim, Mrs. Eloise

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Part of the cast of the Community Church's production of "A Christmas Carol" display their authentic period Victorian costumes which will be worn for the performances to be given this Friday and Saturday. The cast totals about 24 under the direction of Forest Joslin.

-- News Review Photo by George Hall.

## 1962 GHI Budget Up, No Increase in Charges

By AL SKOLNIK

There will be no increase in monthly charges for members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. The \$1,450,000 budget adopted by the GHI board last Thursday, December 7, calls for increased expenditures of some \$16,000, but this increase is expected to be offset by increased income from sources other than members' monthly charges.

One such source is a dividend of \$5,000 declared by Greenbelt Development Corporation wholly-owned subsidiary of GHI which operates the apartments on Parkway. This is the first such dividend declared since the properties were purchased in 1953 and was made possible by paying off of the down-payment loan.

Another source affording additional income is interest on savings including future returns on the corporation's own resale financing plan. This item will yield an estimated \$25,300 in 1962 as against a budgeted \$16,700 last year.

### EXPENDITURES

On the expenditure side, the major increase is the allowance of \$13,000 for the initiation of a pension plan for GHI employees. Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, chaired by Frank Lastner, the board approved in principle the adoption of a pension plan, but left the details to be worked out later by the personnel committee and the board. Current thinking is for the plan to be compulsory for eligible employees with contributions divided between GHI and employees on a 65-35 basis.

Other expenditure items (after excluding pension costs) are expected to show offsetting increases and decreases for

1962. "The rise in cost of materials and services appears to have slowed down considerably," was the comment of GHI manager Paul Campbell in his budget message. Heating costs are up \$3,000, water and sewer payments \$4,700, board and management expenses \$1,300, and administration and sales expenses \$9,000. On the other hand, repairs and maintenance costs are expected to decline \$13,800 and real estate and other taxes \$2,800.

Due to steady technical improvements in the heating plant, Campbell said, the corporation has been able to provide additional service, while stabilizing fuel oil costs. Fuel oil costs in 1954 were \$211,000 and are budgeted in 1962 for \$200,000, despite the rise in fuel oil unit cost. The improved service includes a heating-off cycle running from 1 to 4 a.m. instead of from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Most of the increase in heating costs during recent years is due to payroll expenses.

The increase in water and sewer payments for 1962 is due to a 3¢-per-1,000 gallon hike in the sewer rate by WSSC. Contributing to the increase in board and management expenses are the publication of a membership handbook, more frequent issues of the Newsletter, and increased committee expenses.

The rise in administrative and sales expenses is more than offset by the increase in income from non-operating sources which is used to pay appropriate non-member expenses.

The decline in the repairs and maintenance item is chiefly attributable to the accounting treatment of the 5-year cycle trim painting program which is 13,300 lower than estimated for 1961. Part of the overhead cost that had been charged inappropriately to the trim painting program in previous years was shifted to other items in the 1962 budget. As a result, this cost is budgeted at \$31,500 for 1962, in contrast with \$34,800 for 1961. The self-help paint program is also expected to cost less in 1962: \$4,800 as against \$6,200 budgeted for 1961.

As in the 1961 budget, the 1962 budget allows \$10,000 for the frame-roof replacement program, to be supplemented by \$20,000 drawn from the frame-home contingency reserves. This program was initiated in 1961 as part of a four-year program to replace 240 roof units a year. Experience has indicated, said Campbell, that for the sum of \$30,000 a year, the program can also include the roofing of the boiler rooms and the use of seal-down shingles.

No provision is made in the budget for yard spraying of hedges and shrubbery, since a canvass showed little membership interest in handling this matter through a joint commercial contract.

Taxes for 1962 are estimated at a lower amount (\$250,000) than for 1961 because of an anticipated drop in city real estate taxes.

### POLICY DECISIONS

In adopting the 1962 budget, the board also approved certain management recommendations. One was to appropriate \$10,000 from the brick-home contingency reserves to do corrective roof work on those units that had a long record of seepage due

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## Seek Nativity Display For Entrance to City

At the City Council meeting of December 4, a representative of the Ladies' Sodality of St. Hugh's Church requested permission to place a Nativity scene or creche beside the Christmas tree at the Southway entrance to Greenbelt. The representative said that the project had the endorsement of the Protestant ministers of the city.

The request drew a statement by Leonard Baron in opposition. Baron based his stand mainly on the constitutional separation of church and state, adding that personally, he shared the enjoyment of Christmas trees which he felt to be a different matter.

Councilmen Philips and Champion expressed the opinion that the request should be approved as representing a majority desire. Councilman Goldfaden, noted that the area in question was maintained by GHI and that the matter did not directly concern the city. However, the council generally expressed itself in favor of the request, implying that the city council would go along if GHI agreed.

Since the tree is actually located on Federal Government property, GHI has turned the request over to the National Capital Park Agency, which has jurisdiction over the property.

## Bloodmobile Visit

The annual visit of the Bloodmobile of the Prince Georges Chapter of the American Red Cross will take place Monday, December 18, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. The visit is being sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club, with the assistance of St. Hugh's Sodality and the Woman's Club. Members of these organizations will assist in the collection work.



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Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson and their sons Neil and John enjoy their sacrificial "meager" meal of chili, crackers and tea served by the junior youth group of the Methodist Church last Sunday as part of the community CARE campaign for the Indians of Ecuador. A token fee was charged for the meal, and the proceeds were enough to send 36 CARE packages from Greenbelt to Ecuador. Photo by Seymour Kaplan

## Lakewood Officers

At a general meeting of the Lakewood Citizens Association held on December 5, 1961, the following persons were elected to serve as officers of the Association for 1961-62:

President, Richard Pilski;  
Vice-President, A.L. Douglas;  
Treasurer, W.W. Hand; Secretary, Joan Burkart; Executive Board, R.B. Maxwell, J.E. Lewis, Gordon Gemeny.

## Handel's MESSIAH (Part 1)

by The Chancel

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of  
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Sunday, December 17, 8:00 P.M.  
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## Cut It Short, Council

We note with some consternation that city council meetings are becoming well nigh interminable, stretching frequently from 8 p.m. to something past 1 a.m. Council's zeal and energy, as well as its inexhaustible capacity for discussion, is highly commendable, but after all, the poor citizenry is of not nearly so hardy a breed. We wonder if more meetings might solve this problem—or does council prefer it this way?

## Baptist Xmas Program

A special Christmas Program will be presented in the Baptist Church Sunday Evening December 17, at 7:30 p.m., featuring two choirs, and representation from all departments of the Sunday School. Members of every department from the youngest beginners through adults, will participate in telling the Christmas Story in pageant, words, and music.

## "Messiah" to be Sung

This Sunday, at 8 p.m. the Chancel Choir and Soloists of Greenbelt Community Church will sing the first part of The Messiah, including the Hallelujah Chorus. Soloists will be Edna White, Soprano; Jeff Chapman, Alto; Kenneth Keeney, Tenor; and Harold Hufendick, Baritone. Miss Elizabeth Goetze is the Organist and Director. The concert is open to the public at no charge.

## Lions New Year's Dance at Armory

A Gala New Year's Eve dance will be held on Sunday evening December 31st at the Greenbelt Armory, under the sponsorship of the Greenbelt Lions Club. Music will be supplied by The Belle Tones, an all girl orchestra from Baltimore, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The public is cordially invited and invitations have been sent to the Lions Clubs of our neighboring communities. Tickets and reservations may be obtained from any member of the Greenbelt Lions Club or by calling Edward Wuermsier, GR 4-6012.

## Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will entertain the Golden Age Club at a Christmas Party, to be held Thursday evening December 14, at 8 p.m., at the Community Church.

The program will include a presentation of Dickens' Christmas Carol by the Young Adults Group of the Community Church. Members will contribute gifts to be distributed to patients at the Spring Grove State Hospital.

The American Home Department will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Hugh Ernisee, 9-J Ridge Rd., on December 18 at 8 p.m. Each mem-

ber will bring a sample of her specialty in Christmas Cookies or Candy and will exchange recipes with other members.

## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
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Saturday: 2:00, High School Pilgrim Fellowship meet at Church to go to D. C. General Hospital Crippled Children's Division to decorate and cheer patients, returning to Parsonage for Christmas Party. 8:00 p.m. Second presentation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

SUNDAY: Morning Worship at 9:00 and 11:10 a.m., Sermon by Mr. Wyatt "Christmas and Light." 8:00 p.m. Handel's MESSIAH by Chancel Choir and Soloists.

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## Basketball Clinic

A basketball clinic for coaches and their teams will be conducted by the Prince George's County Recreation Department on Saturday afternoon, December 16, 1961, at DeMatha High School, 4314 Madison Street, Hyattsville, Maryland. The clinic, which is also open to the general public, will start at 1:00 P.M.

Joe "Reds" Vernon, Director of the Prince George's County Boys Club, will open the program with a short talk. Fundamentals of basketball skills and techniques will be discussed and demonstrated by Morgan Wooten.



By ELAINE SKOLNIK Granite 4-6060

Last Friday's 7-table duplicate bridge game saw the old-timers predominate. East-West winners were Lee and Larry Fink and North-South winners, Sy and Tina Pristoop. Finishing in second place, East-West, was the father-and-son team of Louis and Jim Lushine and, North-South, George Kaufman and Jim Powell. Next game: Friday, December 29.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hess, 56-B Crescent. Joseph W. Jr. was born November 14, weighing 6lbs. 14-1/2 oz. He joins two brothers, Karl, 4, and Daniel, 2.

Congratulations to artist, Jack Dillinger, who was a winner in the college division of the 7th Annual Washington Post Christmas Art project. His scene was a semi-abstract oil "of fine color and great vitality." Some of Dillinger's works were displayed in October on the walls of Twin Pines. He has won contests at Rockville and the Moyaone Community, a co-op development on the Potomac across from Mt. Vernon.

In the parochial school division of the Washington Post Art project, Barbara Dykes, sister of William Dykes, 49 Lakeside received \$100.00 for the best entry - "Angel Visiting the Shepherds." Barbara is a freshman at the Notre Dame Academy.

A quick recovery to Greenbelt Junior High teacher, Charles Collins, 53-G Ridge, who has been hospitalized at Washington Sanitarium.

Dennis M. Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Dunn, 18-U Ridge, completed a nine week recruit training on November 17 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

The mystery of the whereabouts of the Center School kindergarten's fish tank remains unsolved - which means they need a five gallon fish tank, in good or poor condition (even one that requires repair). Please call Noll, GR. 4-6140.

Mrs. Swanson's Center School fifth and sixth grade class enjoyed their trip to the National Gallery of Art last week.

A very happy birthday to Eva Garin, 6-A Hillside, who will celebrate her thirteenth birthday tomorrow.

When Karen Goldstein, 56-C Crescent, brought some toys over to the WOL trailer on Connecticut Avenue for Laurel's

Children's Center, she did not expect to face a live mike. The blonde nursery schooler was completely at ease while chatting with Disc Jockey, Bill Mayhew. When questioned about her age, Karen revealed, "I'm four, but I wish I were five." She was elated upon discovering that Mayhew was the one who played her favorite song, "Pop Goes the Weasel." Even after she left, the disc jockey talked to her over the airways. Karen squealed with delight in the back seat of the car when Mayhew said, "Karen Goldstein, I'm going to blow you some kisses if your boyfriend doesn't mind." (Who's the lucky fellow, Karen?)

## GHI BUDGET

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to accumulated ice on gutters. Last winter's alternate thawing and freezing and unusually heavy snowfalls aggravated the problem.

The experimental remedy suggested by management is to remove the lower courses of slate and place a width of copper flashing on the roofing boards sufficient to prevent ice dam seepage inside. The estimated cost is \$100 per unit per side.

In approving this corrective measure, the board stressed that the problem was not really a maintenance responsibility. However, it felt that the philosophy of mutual home ownership made it desirable, where feasible, to provide service "above and beyond the call of duty."

Another recommendation approved was to permit deposits in insured District of Columbia savings and loans associations. At present deposits are limited to local insured Maryland associations.



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Christmas Carol  
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keeper and Frederick Birchard  
as Marley's Ghost.

Any excess contri-  
butions over expenses will go to  
CARE.

### St. Hugh's Xmas Play

The St. Hugh's Home and School Association will hold its regular monthly meeting next Thursday, December 21, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. The student body will take part. Because of the play, the usual visitation period in the classrooms will not be held.

### Legion Xmas Party

Greenbelt Post 136 Legion will hold their annual Xmas party for the children of the members this coming Sunday, December 17 from 2 until 6. All members are invited to bring their children. Santa will be there to give a gift and meet the kids. A live show is planned, and refreshments will be served.

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